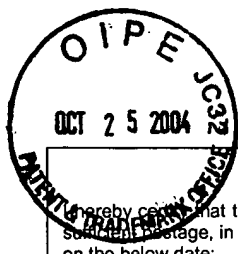


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In re Appln. of: Vladimir Gelfandbein et al.

Appln. No.: 10/774,333

Filed: February 06, 2004

For: Implantable Device Using Diamond-Like Carbon Coating

Attorney Docket No: 3614/191

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: 1734

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**Attached is/are:**

- ☒ Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2pp.); Form PTO 1449 (1p.); 1 Cited Reference; Copy of International Search Report
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

**Fee calculation:**

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Oct. 21, 2004  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON  
COATING

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
6,447,295	September 10, 2002	Kennard et al.
5,580,429	December 3, 1996	Chan et al.
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other

information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

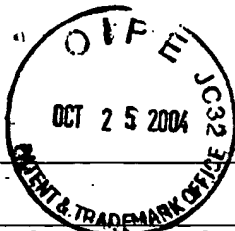
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Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 21, 2004  
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